

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM LEGISLATIVE STUDY TO ASSESS INITIATIVES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY TO DECENTRALIZE STATE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS; AND REQUESTING A REPORT TO THE 60TH LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, technological advancements are changing workplaces and how governments and private industries conduct business; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is the largest employer in Montana, and there are various initiatives proposed and under way to examine how state government may operate more efficiently and effectively using available technology; and

WHEREAS, a legislative study will assist the Legislature to assess current progress and propose laws, if necessary, that will assist efforts to decentralize state agency operations; and

WHEREAS, decentralizing state agency operations will not only make government more efficient, but will provide economic development opportunities in smaller communities throughout Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to study the progress of how applying available technology can help decentralize state government operations, create efficiencies, and provide economic development opportunities in smaller communities throughout Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study inventory, summarize, and report on the progress of any other similar initiatives being undertaken by state agencies or private industry and assess what legislation may assist state agencies to decentralize operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review

1 requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2006.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions,
3 comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 60th Legislature.

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